

# January Job Postings 2020-2021 Comparison



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## Job Demand during COVID-19

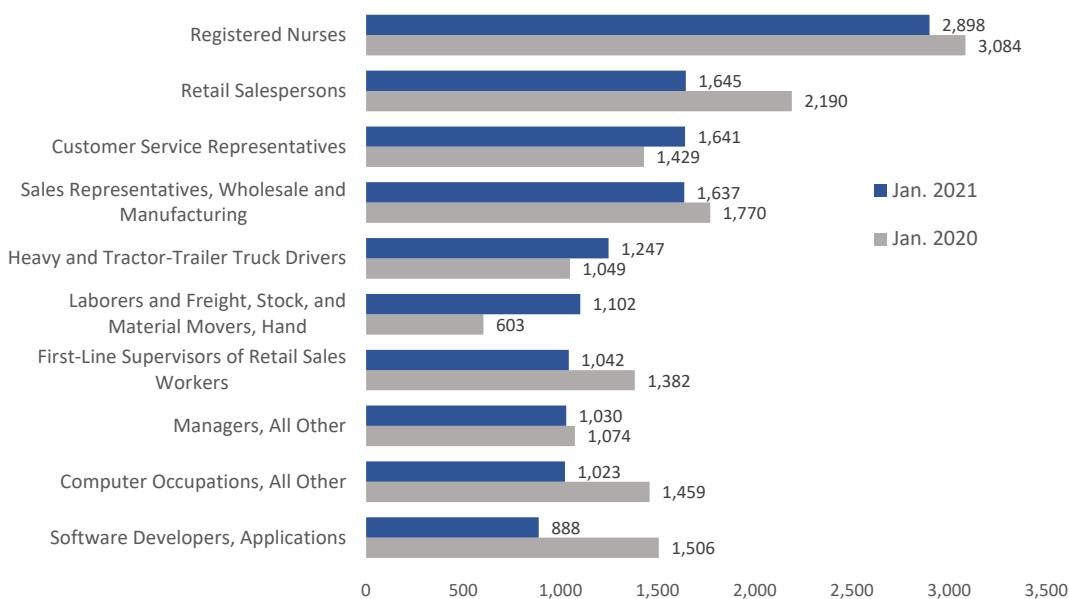
The COVID-19 pandemic caused unprecedented changes in the job market. Unemployment rates spiked to record highs in spring and summer 2020 as businesses shut down to prevent the spread of the virus. Although unemployment rates have decreased since the start of the pandemic, many Missourians remain unemployed, and shifts in job postings continue. As workforce needs change across the state, it is important to know which occupations and industries are in demand to help displaced workers find new career paths.

In January 2021, there were 54,015 online job postings, compared to 56,322 in January 2020, representing a 4.3 percent decrease. This is the smallest over-the-year decrease in job postings in nearly a year.

## Top Occupations

The chart below shows the top 10 occupations with the most job postings in January 2021, compared to the number of job postings in January 2020. Continuing the trend from the last five months, job ads for *Laborers and Material Movers* and *Truck Drivers* increased over the year. Postings for *Laborers and Material Movers* increased 45 percent and *Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers* increased 16 percent from January 2020 to January 2021. *Customer Service Representatives* also showed an over-the-year increase of 14 percent. *Software Developers, Applications*, while still a top occupation for job postings, showed the largest over-the-year decrease with a 70 percent decline in postings.

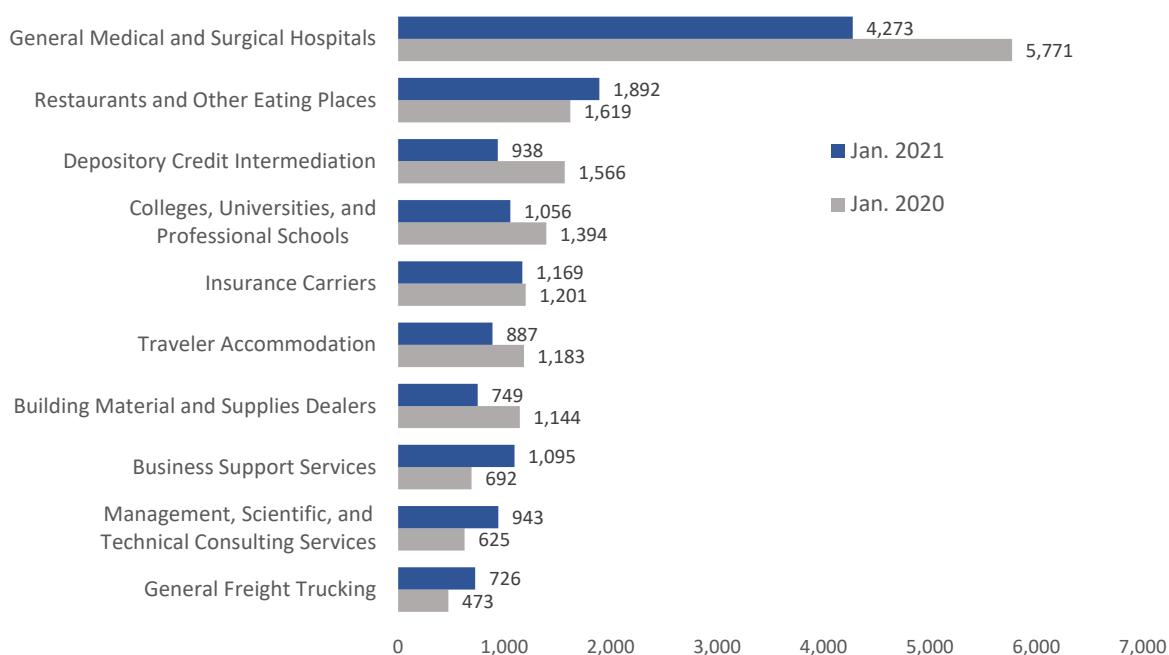
Occupations with the Most Online Job Postings



## Top Industries

The chart below shows the industries with the most job postings in January 2021, compared to January 2020. *Depository Credit Intermediation* showed the largest percentage change, with postings 67 percent lower than last year. *Building Material and Supplies Dealers* (53%), and *General Medical and Surgical Hospitals* (35%) also showed large over-the-year decreases. *Business Support Services* showed the largest over-the-year increase, with postings increasing by 37 percent compared to last year. Postings for *General Freight Trucking* continue to show over-the-year increases with postings 35 percent higher in January 2021 than in January 2020.

Industries with the Most Online Job Postings



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